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Investigation Continues on Shooting at Cielo Vista Mall

Date/Time: 02/15/2023 @ 5:05 P.M. Location: 8401 Gateway West

Angeles Zaragoza, 17 years of age, El Paso, TX Resident (Deceased) Victim 1:

Victim 2: Emanuel Duran, 32 years of age, El Paso, TX Resident Iniured: Hispanic male, 17 years of age, El Paso, TX Resident Injured: Hispanic male, 20 years of age, Clint, TX Resident

Suspect: Hispanic male, 16 years of age, El Paso County TX, Resident

El Paso, Texas – The El Paso Police Department continues the investigation of the shooting that took place Wednesday at Cielo Vista Mall. Investigators are able to confirm that an individual that is Licensed to Carry shot the suspect responsible for the murder.

Investigators have learned that at 5:05 P.M., a confrontation ensued between two groups near the food court area on the second level. The first group consisted of 17year-old Angeles Zaragoza, a 17-year-old Hispanic male who was seriously injured, a 17-year-old Hispanic female, a 16-year-old Hispanic male, a 14-year-old Hispanic male, and a 14-year-old Hispanic female. The second group consisted of a 16-yearold male, who has been identified as the shooter in this incident, a 20-year-old Hispanic male who was injured, a 17-year Hispanic male, and a 15-year-old Hispanic male.

The confrontation between both groups escalated into a physical fight. As they fought, the 16-year-old suspect pulled out a handgun. The suspect fatally shot 17-year-old Angeles Zaragoza and seriously wounded a 17-year-old Hispanic male who was part of the first group. In the shooting a 20-year-old Hispanic male of the second group was shot.



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As soon as the shooting ended, the 16-year-old suspect began to run and was pointing the gun towards the direction of bystanders, including 32-year-old Emanuel Duran, a Licensed to Carry Holder. As the suspect ran towards Duran and bystanders, Duran drew his handgun and shot the suspect.

At that time, one off-duty El Paso Police Officer arrived at the area of the shooting and together with Duran rendered aid to the 16-year old suspect and the others that were injured. Investigators found that there were at least two other legally armed citizens in the area of where the shooting took place, but were not involved. The investigation continues and charges are pending against the 16-year old suspect. The 16-year old suspect was last listed in stable condition. This is the 4th Murder for 2023 as compared to 2 at this time last year.

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